PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

/p/	p	/ŋ/	ng	/f/	f
/b/	b			/v/	v
/ɓ/	bh, m			/s/	s
/t/	t			/z/	z
/d/	d			/l/	l, r
/ɗ/	dh, n			/w/	w
/k/	k			/j/	y
/g/	g				
/kp/	kp				
/gb/	gb				
/kw/	kw				
/gw/	gw				
/i/	i	/ɯ/	ü	/u/	u
/e/	e	/ɤ/	ö	/o/	o
/ɛ/	ɛ	/ʌ/	ë	/ɔ/	ɔ
/æ/	ɛa	/a/	a	/ɒ/	aɔ
/Ṽ/	Vn				

Tones:

high	'		'M
glide 1	-		-M
glide 2	-		M-
mid		unmarked	
low	=		=M

EXAMPLES

a	=va	large
aɔ	gbaɔ	gift
b	bu	rifle
bh	-bho	goat kid
d	-du	ox
dh	dhe	mother
e	ze	beans
ɛ	'sɛ	earth
ë	dë	father
ɛa	'gbɛa	large
f	'fa	slice
g	-gɛn	foot
gb	gbɛn-	dog
gw	gwɛ-	kind of tree
i	'dhi	mouth
k	'ku	yam
kp	kpö	ball, bowl
kw	-kwɛ	year
l	=la	braid
m	mɛ	person
n	'në	child
ng	gbeng	night
o	do	one
ɔ	-gɔ	head
ö	pö	village
p	=plɛ	two
r	'dra	bridge of vines
s	'sɛ	earth
t	'tɔ	name
u	-du	ox
ü	'lü	tree
v	=va	big
w	-wo	voice
y	'yi	water
z	=zɛ	termite

Tones:

high - glide 1		
	'zlaa-	brother-in-law
low - glide 1		
	=glaa-	palm tree
low - mid		
	=laa'	panther
low - glide 2		
	=see'-	orange

ALPHABET

a aɔ b bh d dh e ɛ ë ɛa f g gb gw i k kp kw l m n ng o ɔ ö p r s t u ü v w y z

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